

GAMBLING GRANGERS.

RURAL POPULATION OF THE WEST
ENGULFED IN THE WHIRLPOOL.

Lost in the Grain Maciaron-Betting
on the Future Price of Corn or Wheat.
In the Provision Pit-Too Much Confi-
dence in Their Judgment-Wiped Out.

Without actual observation one can hardly
realize the amount of grain gambling done in
the country. Every village and city in the
northwest has a grain office-sometimes
three or four-that receives dispatches while
the big board is in session. Those dispatches
cost from \$10 to \$20 per month. Under the
rules of the board and telegraph company
the firm must not communicate the markets
to any one. In fact, the speculators of a
town all "chip in" to pay for them, and they
all know "just how she is going."

Let me introduce you who have not been
initiated into the offices of one of these firms
at 10:30 a. m. It looks as though the majority
of the well-to-do farmers of the surround-
ing country were patrons of that grain firm.
The other dealers have dropped in a moment
or sent a clerk. The men about town who
have money to invest are well represented.
You will wonder what is going on; but no-
tice the yellow message sheet that passes
from hand to hand and listen to the addres-
ses. You will hear more about the certainty of
wheat going up than you supposed an ex-
porter knew about it. Don't get scared and
lay in six months' supply of flour, for it
probably will be cheaper. The country specu-
lator is most always a bull, and the way to
get his horns in is to put prices down.

IT LOOKS SO INNOCENT.
This description applies to every town of
2,000 inhabitants throughout the west. In
the larger cities there is a branch office of
some commission firm or bucket shop where
they handle more money than nine out of ten
of the legitimate business firms. Is it gam-
bling? Yes, in its worst form, because it
looks so innocent to the new beginner. Noth-
ing is bought or sold nor is there any pre-
tense of buying or selling between the trans-
actors. They simply bet on the future price
of the corn or wheat which they nominally
buy or sell. The old and most always
"husted" speculator explains to his victim
how by the system of margins he can control
thousands of bushels of grain with a few hun-
dred dollars. Then he offers to take him into
a deal. It is a sure thing, and the profits, as
seen through his magnifying imagination,
are immense. The gullible takes the bait
and puts up the money. As he doesn't know
much about the business, his "partner" does
the trading. In most cases his money is all
that goes into the deal, and if they win he
never knows it.

Meantime he has been studying the methods
of grain gambling. This successful invest-
ment upon his "judgment" makes him the
smartest man in town in his own estimation.
The worst of it is that it is not like a case of
the measles-he never gets over it.
I will relate a few typical instances. Their
portraits will be recognized in almost every
hamlet in the land. A man who owned one
of the best farms in Illinois has lost over
\$100,000 within the last fifteen years. Yet he
knows that he can get it all back, and more
too, if he can only raise the money to invest.
Such is the hallucination of this game that
few ever quit with a dollar. Nor do they, like
Joaquin Miller, learn a lesson from their ex-
perience with the boards.

In one western city of 4,000 inhabitants and
its surrounding territory more than \$500,000
is known to have been lost in grain specu-
lation in the last twenty-five years. Only one
grain firm in this city that has not failed in
this time. Still the men who lost a large
portion of this have faith in their "judg-
ment."

IN THE PROVISION PIT.
A well-known stock shipper of Iowa has
lost three fortunes in the provision pit; never-
theless, he knew pork was too cheap at \$13
per barrel this spring, to his sorrow. Most of
all of the country grain merchants fail because
they are drawn into this maelstrom. To be
owing debts contracted in dealing in options,
and doing business under another man's name,
has ceased to be even spoken of in the grain
trade. It is looked upon as something to be
expected. The country always loses. Why?
Every country dealer is a firm believer in
higher prices for all produce. If he sells any-
thing it is only for a "scalp," and he intends
to invest his last dollar on the long side when
the market goes a trifle lower. He is always
trying to get in on the bottom, but is loath to
sell at the top. No one knows his methods
better than the manipulators of the markets.
When the price of anything on the list is as
low as the state of trade warrants, they put it
from three to five cents lower, and freeze the
countrymen out.

The chronic falling of most speculators is
to spread themselves over more than they can
carry. They have so much confidence in
their judgment that they either buy or sell
a large lot, and only margin it one or two
cents. A slight fluctuation "wipes them out."
Every "big bulge" in the market fills Chi-
cago with outside speculators, flushed with
success. They look upon the board of trade
building as a mansion prepared especially for
their reception. Within two weeks nine out
of ten are hanging around the bucket shops,
and inside of a month they borrow money to
get home. Individually, they are not so
lamblike as to deserve pity. An old commis-
sion man, who, withal, is quite a philosopher,
tells me that it surprises him to see how much
apparently green young men know about the
methods of speculation. They are thoroughly
posted in "bull" and "bear" and "scalp," and
need no urging to invest their money. That
these young fellows make defuncts is no
wonder.-Pekin (Ill.) Cor. New York Sun.

A Remarkable Englishman.
A bright little Englishman, who has been
getting his first impressions of the land of the
brave and the home of the free from a fort-
night in Newport, sums them up naively in a
very few words. We are all very much more
cultured than he expected to find us-more re-
fined, more civilized, better educated, par-
ticularly the young girls, who quite take one's
breath away by the brilliancy of their attain-
ments. Our hospitality is something better
imagined than described-so generous, so
lavish, so charming is it; our houses are hand-
some, our men and women bright and clever;
and as for our brisk, breezy, laughter-loving
existence, it is a constant revelation to the
phlegmatic British temperament, which is
never blithe but by fits and starts.-Provi-
dence Journal.

Refused the King's Invitation.
Ernesto Rossi is at present writing his
memoirs, which will allude to a correspond-
ence between Rossi and the late King Lud-
wig on the subject of a performance which
the king had asked him to give for his ex-
clusive benefit. It is said that Rossi replied
to the king's invitation: "I should gladly play
gratis before 1,000,000 spectators, but I could
not make up my mind for millions to play
before a single person."-New York Com-
mercial Advertiser.

De man who spends his time wonderin
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